

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Twenty-Fifth Annual Session
OF THE
Farmers' State Alliance
OF
NORTH CAROLINA

HELD NEAR
Hillsboro, N. C., August 8-10, 1911



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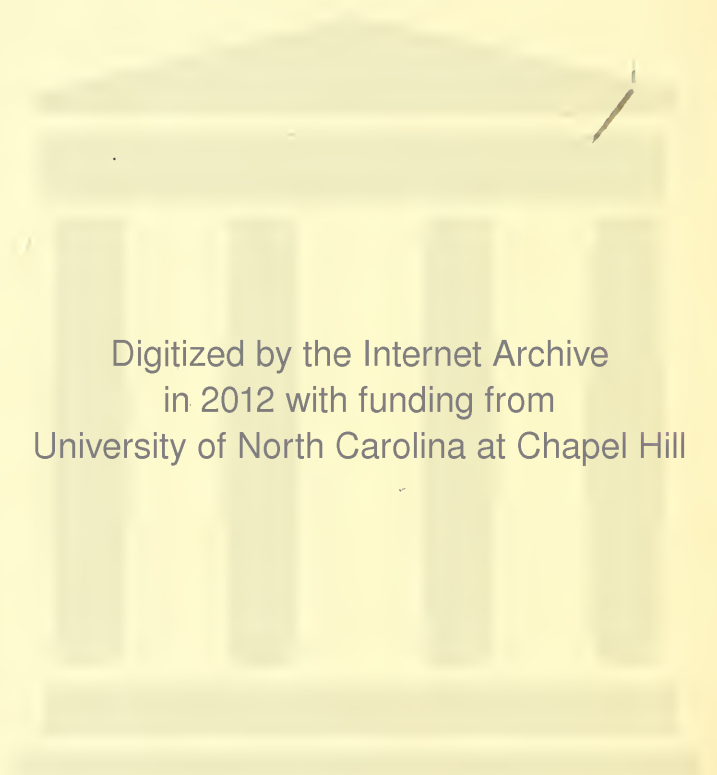
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LIST OF OFFICERS.

1911

Hon. Jno. M. Mitchell, President.....	Goldsboro N. C.
J. H. Evans, Vice President.....	Harrellsville, N. C.
H. E. Thompson, Sec. and Treas., S. B. A.....	Graham, N. C.
H. M. Cates, Lecturer.....	Swepsonville, N. C.
Rev. C. C. Williams, Chaplain R. F. D. 2,.....	Spring Hope, N. C.
J. C. Bain, Steward.....	Wade, N. C.
George T. Lane. Doorkeeper.....	Greensboro, N. C.
H. H. Thompson, Sergeant-at Arms.....	Hillsboro, N. C.
W. A. Graham, Trustee B. A. Fund.....	Raleigh, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(For Current Year)

J. W. Denmark, Chairman.....	Raleigh, N. C.
Prof. John Graham.....	Warrenton, N. C.
T. J. Oldham.....	R. F. D. 2, Mebane, N. C.
John A. Davis.....	Tarboro, N. C.
H. E. Thompson.....	Stantonsburg, N. C.

Order of Business.

1. Calling roll by counties—each delegate answering to his name, who will thereupon present his credentials to the Secretary.
2. Reading of the Daily Minutes.
3. Appointment of Committees.
4. Report of Officers.
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6. Motions and Resolutions.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. Election of Officers.
9. Installation of Officers.

PROCEEDINGS

At 12 o'clock sharp Bro. J. W. Denmark, Chairman of the Executive Committee, called the State Farmers Alliance, of North Carolina, to order, in its 25th annual session, and stated that in the absence of the President—Dr. R. H. Speight—on account of sickness, and also of Bro. J. H. Williamson, Vice President, it became his duty to call the session to order. He then called attention to the constitutional provision for the election of a President pro-tem and Bro. W. A. Graham was unanimously elected, and Bro. J. H. Evans was chosen Vice-President, pro-tem.

Bro. Graham then proceeded to open the session in due form.

Bro. J. W. Denmark then read a letter which he as chairman of the Executive Committee had just received from President Speight, which in the absence of the President's annual address was ordered incorporated in the minutes in place of the address. The letter is as follows:

Whitakers, N. C. Aug. 6, 1911.

Mr. J. W. Denmark,

Chairman of Executive Committee, State Alliance,

Headquarters of Alliance, Hillsboro, N. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I retired last night in my usual physical condition but soon afterwards was taken with a numb sensation in back of neck, extending afterwards all over the body, being worse over my left side. Am still feeling it this morning but am able to be up.

I regret very much not being able to meet with the brethren on this the 25th anniversary of our organization, especially as several matters which I consider of vital importance to the welfare of the Alliance must be discussed and settled.

What shall be done with headquarters? Whether to hold or sell and put the money in an educational or commercial enterprise? The Alliance organ "The Tar Heel Farmer" a very creditable paper, thanks to the developed ability of our lecturer, Brother Cates, whether it shall be continued with expectation of becoming self supporting, the disposition of the contract with the Guano Company and several other matters.

With kindest regards,

Fraternally yours,

R. H. Speight.

Upon a Roll all of Counties, delegates responded as follows:

Alamance—C. F. Cates, Mebane, N. C.

Bertie—J. H. Evans, Harrellsville and Eddie Cullipher, Merry Hill.

Cumberland—S. J. McLaurin, Fayetteville and J. R. McIntyre, Dunn, No. 4.

Edgecombe—C. B. Barnes, Rocky Mount, No. 6.

Franklin—P. F. Evans, Franklinton.

Guilford—Geo. T. Lane, Greensboro.

Johnston—W. A. T. Durham, Kenly, No. 2., and Moses Chreech, Kenly, No 2

Lenoir—G. F. Parrott, Kinston.

Martin—Augustus Williams, Robersonville.

Nash—J. A. Bennett, Whitakers. Alternate. A. F. L. Dozier, Whitakers.

Orange—B. W. Bobbitt, Mebane, No. 2. Alternate, P. M. Sykes, Mebane, No. 5.

Rowan—T. P. Johnston, Salisbury.

Wayne---Jasper Overman, Kenly and J. M. Mitchell, Goldsboro.

Warren --J. H. Martin, Afton.

Wilson---Robert Owens, Walstonburg.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURE.

Brethren:

Time with its swift revolving chariott has safely brought us to another mile-post in the history of the Farmers Alliance of North Carolina. This so far as I know, is the oldest farmers organization in this country today, with the single exception of the Grange, this being our 25th birth-day.

During this quarter of a century of our existence, we have as an organization enjoyed prosperity and suffered adversity but am glad to report that while our membership is not so great as it was a decade ago, yet it is not so small as it has been, and I see no reason why, with the proper management, it should not yet regain its place at the head of the table where it belongs.

In some sections of the State we are through the untiring efforts of our efficient and energetic State Lecturer, organizing new alliances and reviving old ones, while in still other places we are not more than holding our own.

My financial reports as Secretary and Taaasurer and State Business Agent are in the hands of the Executive Committee and will be included in their report.

You will note that I assumed the duties of these offices on Jan. 1st upon the resignation of Bro. Parrott, and that said report only shows the business done for the first seven months of this year. During this period, I have sent out many letters to the brethren throughout the State with a view to stimulating them to renewed interest in behalf of this grand old organization, and I feel sure that in this way I have accomplished much more work along this line, and I want to insist that every brother present upon his return home make it his business to see his neighbors who are not members, and who would make good alliacemen, and present to them the great necessity of organization in such a way that they will see that it is to their interest to become members, put their shoulders to the wheel and help us to work for and stand by and push along the Old Farmers Alliance now, henceforth and forever.

Fraternally submitted,
H. E. Thompson, S. B. A.

REPORT OF STATE BUSINESS AGENTS.

Brethren:

The volume of business done by your Business Agency is far short of what it should be, and the profits therefrom are therefore very small, but there is no calculating its benefits to the farmer by reason of the fact that it keeps him posted as to prices of supplies, etc., which he has to buy and enables him to save money on every purchase made, even though he buys from his local merchant which he usually does.

I have some very attractive prices on a great many things on which I have been saving money for the brethren who give me the opportunity, among them? I will mention only one, Cotton Seed Meal which I have been selling for \$28.00 per ton while I know members of the alliance who paid \$40.00 for it this season.

Brethren, let me urge you to use your Business Agency more and thereby receive more benefit from the money spent for its maintenance.

Fraternally submitted,
H. E. Thompson, S. B. A.

REPORT OF LECTURER.

To the Officers and Members of the Farmers State Alliance of North Carolina:

The undersigned, your State Lecturer, beg leave to submit to you this my annual report.

First--I have not spent the time in the Leeturer's field that I would like to have done from the fact that the money to pay expenses was not available, but am glad to say that I think what time I was in the field was well spent.

And I am glad also to say that from my view point I am frank to say that the Farmers Alliance is in better shape than it was one year ago. There is more unity, more love. more determination to go forward, and more zeal than has been manifested in several years.

Therefore, I beg of you to spit on your hands and take a fresh hold, and don't forget that "Beyond the Alps lies Italy."

Fraternally submitted,
H. M. Cates. Lecturer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE OF B. A. FUND.

The fund now consists of:

\$12,000. N. C. 4 per cent. bonds 1950.....	\$12,000.00
Against this is a note of \$250.00 due January	
1, 1912, for which a bond is security.....	250.00
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	\$11,750.00
Bal. due on mortgage on Headquarters property...	7,118.00
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Total.....	\$18,868.00

Changes during year:

Paid to Publication Commissison, cash	\$200.00
Paid to Publication Com. Note. Pub. & S. B. A...	250.00
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Total.....	\$450.00

Aug. 1, 1910, fund	\$19,318.00
Loss during year.....	450.00
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Balance.....	\$18,868.00

EARNINGS 1910-1911

Aug. 1, 1910. Bal. on hand, uninvested earnings. ..	\$202.62
To State Alliance.....	\$ 8.85
Salary.....	250.00
Postage and Stationery75
Exchange 1913 bonds for 1950.....	80.00
Express on bonds to Raleigh.....	.75
Cit. Nat. Bk. on Pub. Note	51.09

1911	“	“	“	30 days interest	1.25
June 18	“	“	“	on Note.....	200.00
July 1	“	“	“	Interest 6 months....	7.50
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Total					\$600.19
January 1.	Coupons.....				\$240.00
March 13.	Interest on \$200 Savings bank				2.66
July 1.	Coupons.....				240.00
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					600.19
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Balance					\$ 85.09

ACCOUNT WITH PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

Sept. 18, 1910	Note on Citizens National Bank				\$500.00
	Less 6 per cent. interest.				15.00
	Deposited to S. B. A. credit.				<u>\$485.00</u>
March 18	Paid on \$500 note				\$250.00
	New Note.....				250.00
	Three months interest.....				3.25
June 18, 1911	I months interest.....				1.25
	Total				<u>\$505.00</u>
July 1st.	Paid \$100 which is included in note				
	due Jan. 1st 1912 for \$250.00.....				100.00
	Total				<u>\$605.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Graham, Trustee.

EXPLANATIONS

March 18.	Paid on Note \$500 and interest.				
	Cash of principal of fund				\$200.00
	Cash of earnings of fund				51.09
					<u>\$251.09</u>
	Interest on \$200				2.66
					<u>\$253.75</u>
	3 months interest on \$250.00.. ..				3.75
					<u>\$257.50</u>

Gave new note \$250. for balance due.

March 18.	Cash of principal	\$200.00
	Interest on \$200	2.66
	Cash of earnings.....	51.09
		<u>\$253.75</u>

i. e. Cash \$250.00. New note \$250. Int. 3 mos. \$3.75.

1911

March 18.	Note due.....	\$500.00
	Paid Cash.....	\$250.00
	Note.....	250.00
	3 mos. int. on note.....	3.75
June 18.	1 mo. int. on note.....	1.25
		<u>\$505.00</u>

March 18.	Paid of principal of fund \$200.	\$200.00
	" " earnings \$51.09, \$3.75, \$1.25,	
	\$200.00.....	<u>256.09</u>
		\$456.09
	On new Note.....	<u>50.00</u>
		\$506.09

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your Executive Committee beg leave to report that we have examined the books and accounts of your State Business Agent-Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. H. E. Thompson and found the same neatly and accurately kept, showing as follows:

The Trustees of the Business Agency Fund has laid his report before your Committee after having read same to you. You will consider same.

Upon the resignation of Bro. Geo. F. Parrott, State Business Agent, Secretary-Treasurer being tendered, resignation to take effect Jan. 1, 1911, the same was accepted and your Committee looking over the field centered upon Bro. H. E. Thompson to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Parrott, at a salary of \$25.00 per month, the same being in accordance with their recommendation to your body, notwithstanding your body passed the following resolutions to wit: "Resolved that it is the sense of this Alliance that the Executive committee should not change the salary of the Business Agent this year."

The Organ Committee will submit their report.

The Executive Committee instructs the Trustee of the

Business Agency Fund to place the sum of Two thousand dollars to the credit of your State Business Agent, One thousand dollars of this amount to be at the disposal of the organ committee at the rate not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars per quarter, an organ committee to be continued by election.

For the Committee,

J. W. Denmark, Ch'man.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Rec'd from G. F. P., B. A. Sec.-Treas. in bank.....	\$ 305 61
“ “ Trustee Tar Heel Farmer Acct.....	257.23
“ Fees and dues for 7 months of 1911.	122.33
“ Old acct G. F. P., S. B. A.	113.19
“ From Trustee for S. B. A.	100.00
“ “ “ “ Tar Heel Farmer	100 00
“ “ all other sources	<u>440.44</u>

Total receipts all sources.....\$1,438.80

Disbursed

Paid Sec-Treas. S. B. A. 7 mcs.....	\$ 175.00
Paid Sec-Treas. extra 34 days @ \$2.50	85.00
“ Expense of Ex. Com. acct	29.00
“ State Lecturer.....	126.64
“ Tar Heel Farmer	302.73
“ Taxes on Headquarters.	40.00
“ Postage, Stationery, printing &c.	47.88
“ Expenses, other	54.50
“ Sundry, Mdse, bills, etc.....	449.89
Bal in hand.....	<u>128.07</u>
	\$1,438.00

Items in the above show Tar Heel Farmer acct

Receipts H. E. T. from G. F. P.....	\$257.23
“ from W. A. G., Trustee	<u>100.00</u>
	\$357.23
Tar Heel Heel Farmer Printing, etc	<u>302.73</u>
Leaving balance due T. F.....	\$ 54.50

Items above also show Sec.-Treas acct as follows:

Received since Jan. 1, 1911	\$122.33
Paid Lecturer.....	126.64

Adjournment for dinner to 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session, August 8th.

Called to order promptly at 2 p. m.

The President announced his appointments on various committees as follows:

Business Agency--Parrott, H. H. Thompson, McLaurin, Baines, Martin. Constitution and By-Laws---Evans, Johnston, Creech, Bobbitt. Lecturing---Bain, Lane. Publication ---Mitchell, Barnes, Owens, Durham, McIntyre.

The Report of Ex-Committee was called up, discussed and together with all the recommendation contained therein was unanimously adopted. (See the report)

The Committee on Lecturing report with approval the following which is adopted:

Resolved, that J. M. Mitchell, Business Manager, of the N. C. Tar Heel Farmer be paid the sum of Thirty-five dollars for services rendered to said paper during the ten months ending August 1, 1911,

Committee on Lecturing offer the following which is adopted:

We your Committee on Lecturing, realizing the importance of the Lecture system of our order do hereby recommend that our Lecturer should devote all the time possible to the work in his field, and realizing, also, the fact that our Lecturer, alone, cannot do all the work needed to be done, we earnestly urge the co-operation of all the Alliance brethren of the State in helping to hold up his hands, never, at any time forgetting that in unity there is strength.

J. C. Bain, Chairman
Geo. T. Lane Sec'y

The Committee on Business Agency submitted the following, which was adopted:

There has been no resolution referred to our Committee. However, we recommend and urge the State Alliance, all the county Alliances and sub-Alliances and the individual Alliances of our State to do all in their power to strengthen and sustain the S. B. A.

Geo. F. Parrott	} Com.
H. H. Thompson	
S. J. McLaurin	
J. Martin	

Committee on Publication submit the following which is adopted:

We the committee on Publication beg lief to recommend and urge this State Alliance to stand by our State Organ and give your aid in any way possible. We also recommend that this alliance elect a committee of three who shall be known as the organ committee, who shall be the directors of our paper. Mitchell for the Committee.

The Organ Committee appointed as per above resolutions are: J. M. Mitchell, H. M. Cates, H. E. Thompson.

REPORT OF TAR HEEL FARMER.

Was read and adopted as follows:

To President Farmers State Alliance, beg lief to report to wit:

Received of Geo. F. Parrott	\$ 82.30
“ for Subscription and advertisements	48.85
	<u>\$131.15</u>

Expense

Paid to Editor Cates	\$75.00
“ balance on one issue.....	15.77
“ Postage for business.	1.00
“ “ on paper to date.	3.60
	<u>95.37</u>
Balance on hand August 8, 1911.	\$ 35.78

Yours respectfully,

J. M. Mitchell, Business Mgr. Tar Heel Farmer.

Ex S. B. Agt Geo. F. Parrott was requested by the president to furnish an itemized statement of the disposition by him of the amount of \$485 paid over to him by the Trustee for the use of the Organ committee.

The election of officers was made special order the first thing Wednesday morning.

Adjourned to 8:30 a. m. Wednesday Aug. 9.

Wednesday Aug. 9. Morning Session.

After formal opening of the session, the special order, the election of officers was taken up, resulting as follows:

President, Hon. John M. Mitchell

Vice-President, J. H. Evans

Sec-Treas. S.B.A., H. E. Thompson

State-Lecturer, H.M. Cates

Chaplain, Rev. C. C. Williams

Steward, J. C. Bain

Sgt. at Arms, H. H. Thompson

Door Keeper, Geo. T. Lane

Exec-Com., Prof. Jno. Graham to
succeed himself for 5 yrs.

The newly elected officers were immediately installed.

On motion of Bro. J. W. Denmark the president was directed not to appoint a judiciary Committee until the services of such a committee shall be required.

A resolution by Bro. J. C. Bain was adopted empowering the Ex-committee to lay off the land belonging to the Alliance on North Side of the Hillsboro road, into half acre or acre lots, and offer the same for sale.

After hearing the fraternal delegate from the Farmers Union a committee on greetings, composed of brethren Chas. F. Cates, J. C. Bain and H. M. Cates, was appointed.

This committee offered the following which was adopted:

Be it resolved, that the N. C. Farmers State Alliance in session at Hillsboro recognizing that the Farmers Educational and co-operative union as well as the Farmers Alliance are organizations working for the betterment of our farm life, receive with pleasure brother J. H. Evans the fraternal delegate from said F. E. & C. U. on our floor with his request for co-operation, and that we return through him greetings of brotherly love and good wishes.

Be it further resolved that we endorse the position of the F. E. & C. U. and promise our co-operation in its efforts to work in harmony with all other organizations for the betterment of mankind.

C. F. Cates	}	Committee
J. C. Bain		
H. M. Cates		

Bro. John A. Davis, Chairman special committee on Constitution and By-Laws read the following which was adopted:

We the special committee appointed at the State meeting of the N. C. F. A. at Hillsboro, Aug. 8-10, 1911 on constitution and by-laws, do hereby recommend that there be no changes made in our constitution and by-laws at this present session. But we do recommend that the president appoint a committee on constitution and by-laws to look into the needs and wants of the N. C. F. A. and report its findings and recommendations to the next State Alliance.

J. A. Davis	}	Committee
H. M. Cates		
J. C. Bain		

The President named as a committee to report at our 1912 meeting as per above resolution, the following brethren:

P. C. Caldwell }
T. P. Johnston } Committee
J. A. Davis }

Bro. J. H. Evans offered the following which was unanimously adoption:

Resolved that the executive committee pay the board of this State meeting out of any funds that may be available and that we extend our gratitude and thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds for their generous efforts in intertaining this meeting.

Afternoon Session Wednesday

The sickness of our retiring President having been reported to the Alliance the following resolution was drawn up and unanimously adopted to-wit:

Resolve, that our heartfelt sympathy for our brother in his sickness is hereby tendered with our hope for a speedy return to health.

T. P. Johnston }
Eddie Cullipher } For Committee
H. M. Cates }

The following by _____ was read and adopted:

The Executive Committee is hereby authorized when in their judgment satisfactory and responsible parties apply for same to lease the headquarters property for educational purposes, reserving the right of the Alliance to use for and to hold its annual or other meeting it may deem necessary in the buildings, provided the property shall be put in and kept in good repair and all taxes and insurance kept paid by the lessee during the term of the lease

On motion the Secretary is instructed to mail monthly price list to the Secretary of each sub and co-alliance for distribution among the brethren.

After spending a happy half hour or more in a free and easy expression of things for the good of the order, participated in by nearly all the brethren and spoken from hearts full of love for our good order the State Alliance adjourned to meet at Headquarters on the second Tuesday of August 1912 at noon.

J. M. Mitchell, President.

H. E. Thompson, Secretary.

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